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SUBJECT: U.S.-SAUDI JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION: SAG

ASKS USG TO UNDERTAKE RIYADH ELECTRIFICATION

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED JUNE 5 ORAL REQUEST FROM MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE MOHAMMED ABAL KHAYL FOR USG TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR URGENT PROJECT TO RE-ELECTRIFY RIYADH. ABAL KHAYL INDICATED HE HAD BEEN SPECIALLY CHARGED BY PRINCE FAHD TO SEE IF THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT COULD BE DONE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION.

2. ABAL KHAYL ENVISAGES THE USG AS ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROJECT FROM START TO FINISH. THIS WOULD INVOLVE SURVEY OF RIYADH'S RAPIDLY GROWING REQUIREMENTS, CONTRACTING, INSTALLATION AND SERVICING OF GENERATORS AND TRANSFORMERS FOR NEW SYSTEM. ABA KHAYL INTIMATED THAT IN VIEW OF URGENCY OF MATTER, SAG PARTI-

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CULARLY INTERESTED IN SPECIAL COMMISSION MECHANISM AS A MEANS

OF AVOIDING SAG'S OWN CUMBERSOME AND SLOW-MOVING BUREAUCRACY.

3. ABAL KHAYL SAID HE HOPED THAT USG COULD AT LEAST EXPRESS ITS WILLINGNESS IN PRINCIPLE TO UNDERTAKE THIS PROJECT NO LATER THAN SATURDAY JUNE 7.

4. PROJECT AND REQUEST HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH TREASURY'S MACFADDEN WHO BELIEVES THAT WHILE SAUDI REQUEST WILL POSE PROBLEMS AND CONSIDERABLE ADMINISTRATIVE CHALLENGE, WE SHOULD NEVERTHELESS TRY TO COMPLY WITH SAG'S REQUEST.

5. ABAL KHAYL WAS ASKED BUT HAD NO DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS OF PROJECT OR ITS FINANCIAL DIMENSIONS. WE HAVE ASKED THAT HE PROVIDE EMBASSY ASAP WITH FULLEST DETAILS AS TO PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF JOB.

6. COMMENT: WE COULD HARDLY ASK TO BECOME INVOLVED IN A PROJECT THAT WOULD BRING JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS MORE PROMINENTLY TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SAG. A SUCCESSFUL RESPONSE MOREOVER WOULD REDOUND TO CREDIT OF PRINCE FAHD, THE OVERALL CHAIRMAN OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONS. NOR IS ABAL KHAYL'S DESIRE TO AVOID SAG'S OWN BUREAUCRATIC ENTANGLEMENTS BY USING A U.S. ROUTE ALTOGETHER NEW: SAME CONSIDERATIONS HAVE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN SAG'S RELIANCE UPON USG IN DEVELOPING A MOBILIZATION PROGRAM FOR SAUDI ARMY. (THE ASSURED SALES OF HARD-AND SOFT-WARE TO U.S. MANUFACTURERS, WOULD EASILY RUN INTO THE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS).

7. WE RECOMMEND THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM ABAL KHAYL ON SATURDAY THAT (A) USG IN PRINCIPLE IS PREPARED TO ACCEDE TO HIS REQUEST FOR OUR ASSISTANCE IN RIYADH'S RE-ELECTRIFICATION; (B) WE WISH EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES PROMPTLY TO INITIATE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH SAG OFFICIALS TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFO AS TO SIZE AND NATURE OF PROJECT; (C) USG MAY, UNDER SPECIAL COMMISSIONS, THEN DESPATCH FURTHER EXPERTS TO SAUDI ARABIA TO HELP DECIDE WHAT MOST RAPID AND EFFECTIVE PRACTICAL STEPS SHOULD NEXT BE TAKEN.

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